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STATEMENT APRIL 24, 1974

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SUMMARY: IN A SPEECH THAT WAS RELATIVELY MILD AND BRIEF
FOR HIM, CUBAN FONMIN ROA BLAMED COLONIALISM, NEO-
COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM FOR ALL THE ILLS OF THE
LDCS. HE ATTACKED POSITIONS TAKEN BY SECRETARY KISSINGER
IN HIS SPEECH TO THE SPECIAL SESSION AND MADE A PASSING
ALLEGATION OF CIA COMPLICITY IN THE OVERTHROW OF THE CHILEAN
GOVERNMENT, BUT HIS SPEECH WAS PRINCIPALLY A
CLICHE-RIDDEN DIAGNOSIS OF LDC PROBLEMS AND PRESCRIPTION
FOR THEIR SOLUTION. HE MADE FREQUENT FAVORABLE MENTION OF
ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE. END SUMMARY.

1. ROA BEGAN BY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE
WHICH LED TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND BY CALLING THE OPEC
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ACTION TO GAIN BETTER PRICES FOR OIL A CONSTRUCTIVE CHALLENGE

TO NEO-COLONIALISTS AND IMPERIALISTS WHO HAD INTERVENED IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND IMPOSED UNFAIR TERMS OF TRADE.

2. HE DISAGREED WITH WHAT HE SAID WAS SECRETARY KISSINGER' VIEW THAT INTERDEPENDENCE ELIMINATES DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE LDC'S AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT INTERDEPENDENCE CANNOT EXIST SO LONG AS THERE IS IMPERIALIST DOMINATION. AGAIN, REFERRING TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, HE SAID IT WAS NOT A QUESTION OF THE "STRONG" COUNTRIES DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO IMPOSE THEIR POSITIONS. RATHER IT WAS A QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT IMPERIALIST EXPLOITATION. LATER HE ACCUSED SECRETARY KISSINGER OF OFFERING ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN THE ATTEMPT TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE REST OF THE LDC'S.

3. ROA OPPOSED PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT AS A TOOL OF DEVELOPMENT AND ATTACKED MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AS EXPLOITERS AND INTERVENERS. HE ALLEGED, AS AN EXAMPLE, THAT ITT, ANACONDA, KENNECOTT AND BETHLEHEM STEEL, IN COLLUSION WITH CIA AND CONNIVANCE WITH THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES, HAD ENGINEERED THE "BLOODY, FASCIST COUP" THAT HAD OVERTHROWN THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

4. ROA FAVORED NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES' "DIRTY POLICY" OF ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST CUBA. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REAFFIRM THE PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO USE OF SANCTIONS IN DISPUTES BETWEEN PRIVATE INVESTORS AND NATIONAL UNDERTAKING SOCIAL REFORM.

5. HE APPLAUDED INDICATIONS THAT THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST THOSE MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY INCREASED PRICES BUT WARNED THAT THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND COMPANIES WOULD TRY TO MAINPULATE THE AVAILABLE FUNDS THROUGH CONTROL OVER THE BANKING SYSTEM.

6. ROA ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF EXTERNAL FINANCING WITH MINIMUM INTEREST RATES AND LONG GRACE PERIDOS FROM FINANCIAL SOURCES NOT CONTROLLED BY IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES; OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE LDC'S AS A RIGHT, NOT AS AN ADJUNCT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CAPITALISM; AND OF A RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CRISIS THROUGH EFFORTS IN WHICH ALL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED, NOT THROUGH THE "OBSOLETE" IMF.

7. ROA MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO US "COLONIALIST EXPLOITATION" OF PUERTO RICO, BUT, IN CONTRAST TO HIS PLENARY SPEECH LAST FALL TO 28TH UNGA, HE DID NOT DWELL ON THEME.
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